

On motion of Mr. Welsh,

Leave was granted the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice, to bring in a bill to alter and change the Constitution and Form of Government of this State, so as to reduce the term of State Senators, from six to three years, and to elect one-third of the whole number of said Senators annually, instead of biannually.

Mr. Johnson reported a bill entitled, an act for the separation of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland and its Branches ;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Referred to the committee on Corporations, and
Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Hollman reported a bill entitled, an act for the incorporation of Aaron Lodge, No 33, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in the town of Williamsport ;

Which was read the first and by a pecial order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Chapman reported a bill entitled, an act for the regulation of the village of Piscataway ;

Which was read the first and by a special order the second time, and passed.

On motion of Mr. Levering,

The House took up for consideration the bill reported by him entitled, an act to incorporate the Baltimore and Philadelphia Steam Boat Company ;

The amendments reported from the committee on Corporations, on the 8th inst.

Were severally read and assented to.

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

Said bill was further amended by adding at the end of the fourth section thereof the following proviso :

"Provided, That the said company shall not be authorised to construct any wharf or building, which will interfere with or obstruct the navigation of Bush creek on the approach to the Chesapeake and Delaware canal."

The said bill was then read the second time as amended, passed and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Stephenson submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the committee on Education, inquire into the expediency of giving the donations now received by the academies and colleges in this State, to the common school fund of the counties respectively ;

Which was twice read.

Mr. Semmes moved to lay said order on the table ;

Determined in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE.—Messrs. Watson, (Speaker,) Hollyday, Thomas, of Anne Arundel, Ligon, Johnson, Warfield, Chapman, Reeder, Freeman, Thomas, of Talbot, Dennis, Dail, Calvert, Semmes,